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REFORM OF THE REVENUE

Speaker Carlisle Says Will Not be Agitated This Winter.

Senator Mitchell Interviewed Respecting the Grant Pension Bill—Washington News and Political Notes—Congressional Matters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Mitchell said to-day in reference to the Grant Pension Bill: "I introduced the bill to carry out the suggestion of the President in his message. A number of gentlemen had spoken to me about it, as I am Chairman of the Committee on Pensions. I supposed that the proposition was agreeable to General Grant on account of the recommendation being in the message." "What is the reason of Grant's letter of withdrawal?" "I think it is his dislike to place himself in the position of a pensioner. During late years there has been such a pressing to the front of unworthy applicants for pensions that it has come to be regarded by the better class of officers as unsoldierly to ask a pension, unless for disability incurred in the service. I know Senator Hawley takes this view." The Senator said he did not think General Grant would object to being placed on the retired list of the army. In that place he would be subject to order in case of an emergency. The Senate bill so placing him was now upon the House calendar. The Senator inferred that President Arthur would not approve this bill if it should pass, upon the ground expressed in his veto message of the Fitz John Porter bill, that such an act was trenching upon the appointive powers of the Executive. He thought the President, to avoid this issue, had recommended the pension.

REVENUE REFORM. Speaker Carlisle was asked last evening if he had been present at any of the recent conferences of revenue reformers to discuss the policy of opening the tariff question this winter. Mr. Carlisle said:

"No, I have not. I didn't know of any. I see the newspapers have been publishing something of the kind. I guess it was a conference of the newspaper correspondents."

"What do you think of the policy of trying to pass any tariff reform bill?" "If it could be possible to prepare in the Ways and Means Committee a bill taking up one or two leading articles, and Republican members of the committee would agree not to amend it, I might be in favor of a bill being reported. That, however, is impossible, and if it were not, it could not run the gauntlet of 325 members without receiving endless amendments. Nothing can be done this winter, and therefore I am against any agitation of the subject. Agitation would now be useless, and therefore most objectionable."

"Is this resolution to do nothing general among the revenue reformers?" "I do not know from actual conversation. I presume so. It is apparent enough that there is not time enough to consider and pass a practicable bill."

Mr. Emerson also denied that there had been a conference. He was opposed to preparing any bill of any kind in the Ways and Means Committee, so it is probable that no work will be done on it this winter.

TREASURY BALANCE. The Treasury balance to-day was:

Gold coin and bullion	\$222,001,579
Silver dollars bullion	149,087,288
Fractional silver coin	21,770,705
United States notes	24,138,314
National Bank notes	12,013,435
Deposits with National Bank depositors	9,361,659
Total	\$438,377,980

Certificates outstanding:

Gold	\$16,578,710
Silver	10,545,551
Currency	23,100,000
Internal revenue	215,000
Customs	485,305

HOUSE. Mr. Hewitt (N. Y.) presented a petition from the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, urging proper measures for the defense of the harbor of that city.

On the demand for the regular order by Mr. Reagan, the Inter-State Commerce bill came up as unfinished business.

Mr. Barksdale (Miss.) addressed the House, urging the necessity for some measure regulating inter-state trade by railroads and defending the constitutionality of such legislation.

SENATE. On motion of Mr. Hale, the Senate took up the Naval Appropriation Bill which insisted upon the amendments to the bill of the last session. The Chair was accordingly requested to appoint a new conference. Mr. Slater attempted to call up the bill to forfeit certain lands granted in aid of the construction of a railroad in Oregon.

Mr. Harrison objected, as it would interfere with his motion to admit Southern Dakota into the union as States.

The years and days were called and by a strict party vote—29 yeas to 30 nays—the Senate refused to take up the bill.

The yeas and nays were then called on the question of taking up the bill admitting Southern Dakota into the Union. The Senate agreed to consider the bill—yeas 34, nays 25.

The House bill declaring forfeited the lands granted the Texas Pacific Railroad was made a special order for Tuesday next at 2 o'clock, and a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution in relation to the veto power was made a special order for the day following.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Several House committees met to-day. Little work was done. The Foreign Affairs and Patents Committees will each ask the House to assign a day for the consideration of measures which have been reported. The Public Lands Committee directed Mr.

Henley to ask a day to be fixed for the consideration of a bill declaring its forfeiture of the Northern Pacific land grant.

Mr. Anderson, of this committee, was directed to have a day set apart for the consideration of his bill, which requires railroads operating in the State of Kansas to adjust their land grants on public lands. The committee also authorized a resolution to be reported to the House instructing the proper authorities to institute a suit to determine the legal selection of lands by the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal Company under Government grants.

The Judiciary Committee took no action on the Lowell Bankruptcy Bill. A member of the committee, who is opposed to the measure, said he did not think it possible to pass the bill this session. Another member, who favors it, figured that there was a slight majority of the members of the House opposed to its consideration.

Ten Million Bushels of Coal Going Down the Ohio.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 10.—For the first time in six months the river has almost reached a ten foot stage, and all the boats in port either have taken or are about to take out large tons of coal.

Twenty-eight steamers with 313 barges, containing 3,804,000 bushels of coal, are on their way to Cincinnati; thirty-three steamers, with 146 boats and 237 barges, carrying 6,312,000 bushels, are headed for Louisville. This makes a grand total of sixty-one steamers, 146 boats, 540 barges and 10,116,000 bushels of black diamonds.

The steamers and empties caught by the low water between this and Wheeling will be able to take advantage of the rise, their tows being taken down to them by the harbor boats. The coal men are, of course, correspondingly happy.

At 11 o'clock the Monongahela market showed nine feet six inches.

COUNTERFEITERS.

A Respectable Physician and Dilettante Farmer Come to Grief.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 10.—Dr. A. M. Chord, a practicing physician of this city who was arrested Saturday for bunko steering, was given his preliminary hearing yesterday and bound over to the Circuit Court in \$500 bonds. In the trial it was shown that the gang had had quarters in this city for months. Their plan was to bleed each victim to the extent of \$50 or \$100 by representing that they had counterfeit money. After getting the victim's money they would fall to deliver the counterfeits putting him off on various pretexts, and finally telling him to expose them if he wanted to go to jail along with the rest of the gang. It is estimated that thousands of dollars were made by them in this manner. Besides Dr. Chord, a farmer named Bernethy was also arrested and is now in jail. Other members of the gang have fled.

Wanted on the Charge of Murder.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Mike Coleman, the Bridgeport desperado, who is now in custody in St. Louis charged with robbing the City Clerk's office in East St. Louis in May last, and whose sensational disclosures involved as his confederates Captain Duffy, of the police department of that city, together with one of the Aldermen and two city officials, is wanted here on suspicion of being the murderer of Police Officer Tim Mahoney, who was shot and instantly killed on Halstead and Thirty-seventh streets three years ago. Mahoney, at the time, was in pursuit of three burglars. Coleman was suspected at the time and he suddenly left the city. A witness has appeared who declares he saw Coleman fire the fatal shot. This man and a detective went to St. Louis last night for the purpose of identifying Coleman. Coleman is known in St. Louis as Clark.

Freight Trains Wrecked.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 10.—At 1 o'clock this morning a destructive freight wreck occurred at Leetsdale Station, about fifteen miles from this city on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway. A west-bound freight train was switching cars, using the main and side tracks. A flagman sent to stop an approaching east-bound freight failed to do so, and the train crashed into the cars on the main track, wrecking the engine and eleven freight cars with their contents. Nicholas Long, engineer of the east-bound train, had an arm fractured and was badly bruised about the head.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 10.—A wild freight train on the Illinois Central broke in two on a hill near Dongola this morning and several cars were demolished. Brakeman Dougherty was decapitated. The loss is heavy.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—J. P. McCauley, bond clerk in the office of the Fidelity Trust & Safe Deposit Company, was arrested last evening on the charge of embezzling the Lehigh Valley Railroad bonds of the face value of \$1,000. The securities were traced to a broker's office, where they had been left by McCauley for sale and nearly all were recovered. The prisoner refused to make any statement when arrested.

Repairing the Cable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The steamer Faraday, which on Saturday joined the ends of the Commercial Company's first broken cable, is now repairing the second. The New York end of the cable from Nova Scotia was carried into the company's office to-day, but the wires will not be thrown open to the public until the second cable is repaired, and this date is uncertain.

Money Order Refunded.

CAIRO, Dec. 10.—A mixed court has ordered the Egyptian Government to refund all the moneys recently diverted from the sinking fund to the Caisse de La Dette Publique. Fikar Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, has taken exceptions to the rulings of the court.

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 10.—Lowell people were surprised and pleased Sunday last by the opening of a new and bright Sunday paper of forty-eight columns called "The Bell," conducted by A. P. Kelly, recently of the Boston Globe staff, and Miss Florence Finch, late of the Troy Telegram. The distinguishing characteristic of the paper is its startling originality. Mr. Kelly inculcates philosophy from the position of "Old Man in the Belfry" while Miss Finch appropriately presides over the department headed "The Clapper."

ROMANCE OF A RUSSIAN

The Interesting Story of a Ballet Dancing Master.

Who Began by Marrying a Pretty Peasant, Who Conspired with a General to Have Him Exiled—Troubles in America.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 10.—In August, 1881, August Blandowski, a New York theatrical man, was arrested in this city on the charge of forgery, and after a short trial, was sent to prison for a term of years. Blandowski was a character well-known and well thought of by New York theatrical people, and for some time before coming West, was one of the most successful ballet masters in New York. The news of his crime, arrest and conviction, created quite a sensation in eastern theatrical circles.

Blandowski was the victim of circumstances, and as there were many palliating features, friends in the profession at once set schemes on foot to secure the man's pardon. They have at last been successful in their efforts and a pardon from Governor Rusk reached the prison last night and to-day Blandowski left the institution a free man.

The man's history, as learned by the writer, reads like a romance. In 1860 he came to this country from Russia, with plenty of money and a title, though an exile. In his native country he was officer of the Royal Guards. He fell in love with a peasant girl of beauty, and overcoming parental objections, married her. She proved to be unworthy of his love, being vain of her beauty, fond of fine dress and inclined to coquette with courtiers. She almost ruined him by her extravagance, and when he remonstrated, she rebelled. Blandowski was one day seized and thrown in prison, where he was kept for weeks without an explanation. There his general called upon him and told him that the cause of his imprisonment was the discovery of Nihilistic pamphlets at his house. The General said that Blandowski's wife had begged him to attempt to secure her husband's release and it was in response to her request that he made a visit to the prison. The guards had been bribed and arrangements made to transport him to the coast, where he could escape in a vessel to America. Blandowski indignantly replied that he was innocent and didn't need to fly like a criminal. Thereupon the General produced a letter from the prisoner's wife, imploring him to fly. She confessed that the Nihilist documents were obtained through her instrumentality, and in affecting language asked his forgiveness for bringing misfortune on him. She asked him to accept the services of his General, who would prove a friend, and escape to America, where she would follow. Blandowski burst in tears at this evidence of his wife's affection. The General pressed a well filled purse into his hand and they passed—bribed the jailors without trouble.

He reached New York in safety, but his wife didn't follow him, and he learned subsequently that his imprisonment was a conspiracy between his wife and the General. His wife planned it to get him out of the country and procure a divorce on the strength of his alleged criminality against the Government so as to marry the General.

Bad luck pursued him in this country. His money melted away until he was obliged to take a class of ballet dancers to earn enough for his support. Afterward his condition improved and he became proprietor of a theatre in Denver. In 1883 the building caught fire, burning to the ground, and entirely ruining him financially. He returned to New York and found employment at his former calling of ballet master.

In 1881 he came here with a party of friends. Getting out of money, he forged the name of a local theatrical manager to several notes and deposited them at the hotel as security for board. The forgery was discovered and Blandowski was punished.

Friends have secured a position for him as ballet master with the Michael Strogoff Company, and he will at once leave the city.

ONE MORE.

Singular Disappearance of a Fair Resident of Fair Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 10.—The supposed elopement of and mysterious disappearance of Miss Julia Tucker, daughter of Lawrence Tucker, a well known citizen of Fair Haven, has caused a decided sensation in that usually quiet village. Miss Tucker is only sixteen years of age, and is one of the belles of the village, with dark hair and eyes, and bright and pleasing manners. Her parents are in comfortable circumstances and the girl's every wish has been gratified. A few months ago Henry J. Wilnot, a handsome young French Canadian, was introduced to Julia, and it appears to have been a case of mutual attachment at first sight, as the couple have ever since appeared devotedly attached to each other. Wilnot has been her escort to balls, picnics and excursions, and he was received by the girl's parents as a suitor for her hand.

On Thursday night last Miss Julia retired to her room at the usual time. Shortly after midnight she rose, donned her costliest attire, packed a carpet bag with clothing and jewelry, opened the window cautiously, and peered out. It was a bright moonlight night, and Julia saw the familiar form of her lover approach. She first tossed out the satchel, which Wilnot caught, and then gallantly assisted his sweetheart out of the window. The strange part of the affair is that since that time the girl has not been seen by any of her friends, and her whereabouts are unknown. The following morning after her flight her mother was startled and frightened by finding her bed had not been occupied during the night. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker at once called upon Wilnot, who, after a few questionings, admitted he had aided the girl in her flight, and said she had gone to Canada.

He denied all knowledge as to her precise whereabouts but said she had expressed a desire to leave home. A warrant was procured for Wilnot's arrest on a charge of abduction, but it was not served until this evening, in the hope that Wilnot would clear up the mystery of Miss Tucker's flight and marry her. There had been no objection to his attentions to the girl and no obstacle had been interposed to their union. Wilnot will be arraigned for a hearing to-morrow.

EXCITEMENT IN LONDON.

Belief that the Dynamitards Are About to Blow Something Up.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Government authorities continue to receive alarming information as to the working of Dynamitards and from present indications it must have received some startling information during the past twelve hours. The entries at the Windsor Castle have been doubled, and effective measures have been taken for protecting members of the royal family from outrage. Guards at the Government buildings and railway stations have been increased. Scotland Yard detectives are displaying unusual activity, which indicates that the Home Secretary really believes another outrage is about to be perpetrated. It is rumored that the real cause of the display of caution is that a large quantity of dynamite is missing from one of the Nobell Dynamite Company's depots. The company has five hundred depots, many of which are not guarded during the night. No measures have been taken to prevent their being robbed, although the police have frequently urged the Home Secretary either to place guards over them or compel the company to employ watchmen.

Another report has it that the home office has received information that the Dynamitards in Paris have suddenly decreased in numbers, and that many of the more active members were missing from the usual haunts in that city and were reported to be in London. A number of loiterers have recently been seen in the neighborhood of Windsor Castle. This, with the report from Paris, has led the Government to adopt extraordinary precautions.

A WOV AND A WUMPUS.

The Actresses Begin It and the Actors Fight It Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—While the company of M. B. Curtis ("Sam'l of Posen") was performing "Spot Cash" in the Park Theatre, Newark, New Jersey, on Friday night, Mrs. Lester Edmunds, who played the part of "Rebecca," stood in the wings, and, as it was alleged, talked in a very loud voice. When she was asked by the stage manager to make less noise, she became very angry. Mr. Curtis then repeated the request of the stage manager. This heightened the anger of the actress. A policeman was called in by Mr. Curtis, but he found no occasion to make an arrest. The performance passed off without further incident.

On Saturday night, after the performance in the same theatre, both Mr. Lester Edmunds and his wife were discharged. Mr. Curtis and the whole company took the 10:50 train for New York. On the ferry boat, while crossing the North River, Mr. Curtis, who was standing outside, was accosted by Mr. Edmunds, who reproached him for treating him ungenerously. One word led to another, and a blow being struck, the two men clinched. Their scuffling attracted the whole company from the cabin. The wives of the men did their best to separate them, and were not very gentle in their treatment of each other.

Sensational Arrest.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 10.—The arrest of Mrs. Alice Vance, the wife of a respectable miller in this county, charged with incendiarism, has created a sensation here. Several mysterious fires have taken place within the last few weeks, the most notable being the burning of the gin house of Colonel Hammett, on the Paedet River, in October last. It is claimed the evidence is clear and convincing. Mrs. Vance is a woman of violent temper. The neighbors now allege that she was a party in other fires. Incendiarism is a capital offense in South Carolina.

A Conscience Stricken Hamlet.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.—John T. Wilson, accosted Sergeant Jones to-day and told him that he was a fugitive from justice, having fled from Buckingham, Alabama, where he had been charged with bigamy, and had been released on bail. Several years ago, he said, he was married at Manchester, Virginia, and later he married the daughter of a prominent citizen of Buckingham. Soon after that he was arrested and in March last jumped his bail, came to Baltimore and has been residing with his brother ever since. He was taken into custody to await an investigation.

Reform Wins in Manitoba.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 10.—There is great excitement over the civil elections here yesterday. After a bitter fight the party in favor of reform in municipal affairs elected their candidates for Mayor and Aldermen. Those in favor of the continuance of the old regime elected only two Aldermen. Hamilton, the reform candidate for Mayor, had 464 majority. There was a great demonstration last night by the friends of the civil reform and retrenchment.

A Will Contested.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 10.—The appeal made by seven relatives of the late Mrs. Valera G. Stone, of Malden, Massachusetts, against the decision of the Judge of Probate, allowing her will, was opened in the Supreme Judicial Court before Judge Allen to-day. Mrs. Stone died last January, leaving property valued at nearly \$3,000,000, most of which by terms of the will was to go to charitable institutions. The relatives contest the will on technical grounds.

Decision in a Collision Case.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.—Valentine and Saville, local United States Steamboat Inspectors, this afternoon rendered a decision in the recent collision between the steamers D. H. Miller, Captain Clark, and William Lawrence, Captain Hooper. The inspectors exonerate Hooper from blame and revoke the license of Captain Clark, both as master and pilot.

A Mob's Vengeance.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—Charles Stevens, a desperado known as "Omaha Charley," who killed Hubert Kramer at Maryville, Missouri, December 3, was this morning taken from jail, after a fight with the Sheriff, by a mob, who hung him on the railroad bridge. One of the mob was dangerously wounded by the Sheriff. Stevens was paroled out of the penitentiary for a previous murder.

A Confession.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—George Willand, under arrest for a murderous assault upon E. B. Case, the well known insurance agent, a few weeks ago, has made a confession in which he says he mistook Case for a burglar.